

Understanding the **ILLINOIS RACIAL PROFILING LAW**

Under the Illinois Racial Profiling Law, effective January 1, 2004, police officers in Illinois will be required to record certain information during each traffic stop. This is the data officers will be required to record and send to the Illinois Department of Transportation for analysis.

- 1** The name, address, gender, and the officer's subjective determination of the race of the person stopped; Caucasian, African-American, Hispanic, Native American/Alaska Native, or Asian/Pacific Islander.
- 2** Alleged traffic violation that led to the stop of the motorist.
- 3** The make and year of the vehicle stopped.
- 4** The date and time of stop.
- 5** The location of the stop.
- 6** Whether or not a search contemporaneous to the stop was conducted of the vehicle, driver, passenger, and if so whether it was with consent or by other means.
- 7** The name and badge number of the issuing officer.



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The Illinois Department of Transportation will be working with police agencies throughout Illinois on a four-year study to determine if racial profiling exists in our state. The goal of the study is to find out if minority groups are over-represented in traffic stops, as compared to their representation within the general population.

By January 1, 2004, IDOT will inform all police agencies in Illinois of the standards they need to follow when collecting the data. As police officers throughout the state make traffic stops they will be required to record the drivers race, among other information and submit this data to the Department for analysis. This data collection by officers will continue from January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2007 and IDOT must report its findings by July 1 of the following year.

Along with the data collection and analysis, the Illinois Racial Profiling Law calls for police officers throughout Illinois to receive sensitivity training toward racial and ethnic differences.

*Information about the
Illinois Racial Profiling Law is available at:*

www.dot.state.il.us



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